

**From:** Ralph W. Muller - Chief Executive Officer

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**Subject:** An Announcement from Ralph W. Muller regarding Simulation Center

I am pleased to announce the creation of a new simulation center at PENN Medicine at Rittenhouse (the former Graduate Hospital) thru the collective efforts of many clinicians, educators and administrative leaders. Renovations and construction to create the PENN Medicine Simulation Center will begin shortly and the Center will open in June 2008. The Simulation Center will provide training to students, residents, physicians and other health care professionals from across the Health System as part of our ongoing efforts to continually increase patient safety and satisfaction while utilizing the most advanced training techniques.

The Simulation Center will be a shared endeavor between the University of Pennsylvania Health System, CPUP and the School of Medicine. The Center will include small and large conference/debriefing rooms, twelve standardized patient exam rooms, a large multi-skills lab, task trainer rooms and six large simulated clinical settings (operating room, inpatient room, emergency room, labor and delivery room and intensive care unit room) The Simulation Center will utilize human patient simulators, which are computer-driven mannequins with simulated cardio respiratory hemodynamics that can breathe, talk, and have a pulse. Procedural trainers will be available to provide individual training and assessment of specific tasks for a variety of clinicians. Oversight of the Center will be provided by a collaborative PENN Medicine Steering Committee chaired by Dr. Jim Mullen who has led this developmental effort with the assistance of Vice Dean Dr. Gail Morrison over the past year and a half

In this state-of-the-art Center, all training can be viewed, manipulated, recorded and replayed via a technologically advanced control center located in the core of the facility. The Center will provide individual and interdisciplinary team based training for physicians, nurses and all other health professionals throughout UPHS by creating realistic health care scenarios and thus ensuring better training for our students, faculty and employees and better care for our patients. We look forward to enhancing our educational and health care preeminence with the addition of this facility.